

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary School

4th Week of Easter

John 10:27-28- You are my sheep.

Introduction

Jesus knows and loves each one of us just like a shepherd with his sheep: he is the 'Good Shepherd' who came to care for us and to show us the way to everlasting happiness.



Gospel Acclamation

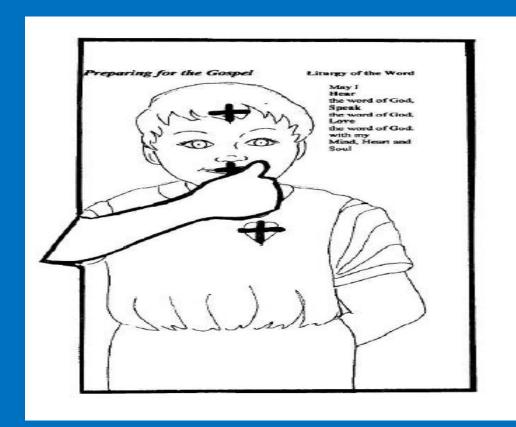
Alleluia, alleluia

Lord help me to listen and to recognise your voice.

Alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you
Response: And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John

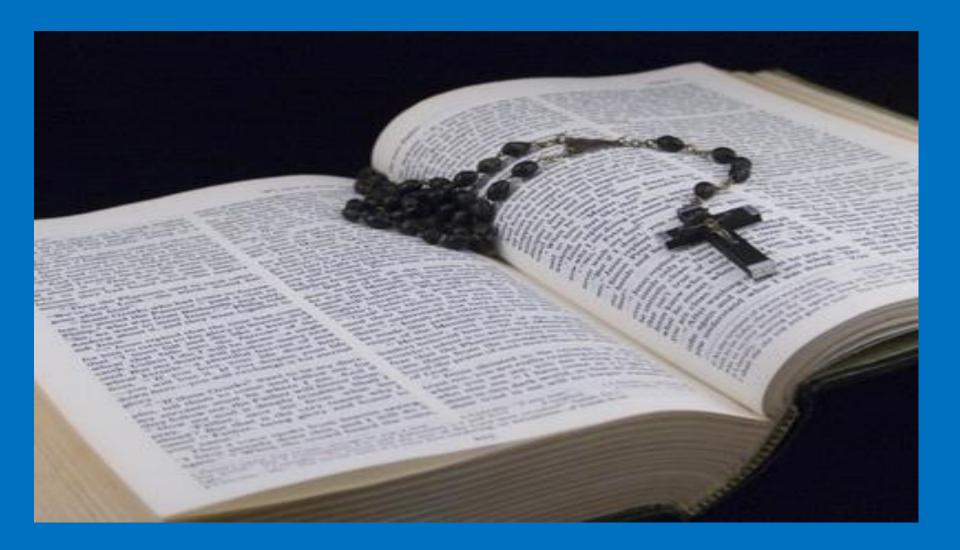
Response: Glory to you, O Lord



Gospel John 10:27-28

Jesus said: 'My sheep know my voice and they follow me, as I lead them to everlasting life, I know each of them by name, and they can always trust me to take care of them and to protect them from harm.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection



Psalm 23



Reflection

Does anyone have a pet dog or cat? What happens when you call their name?

Hopefully they will come to you when you call them! What makes them come?- They recognise your voice. They know that you care for them and they follow you because they trust in your love.

Who are the 'sheep' that follow Jesus?-Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd' and anyone that follows him belongs to his flock. Jesus used this idea of a shepherd and his flock to make people understand how he would guide and look after his people. He knows each one of us by name, and called us to follow him when we were christened or baptised into the family of God.

Who can we turn to in times of trouble or when we feel afraid or alone? A good shepherd is always there for us in times of need. He will never abandon us and is always watching over us. We can place all our trust in his love and care, knowing that he was ready to die for us so that we could be with him forever.

Ask the children to close their eyes and sit quietly to listen to the words of Psalm 23

Psalm 23

The good shepherd takes care of all my needs:

He leads me to green meadows and crystal clear pools.

He guides and protects me,

And I grow strong in his care.

When night falls, I am not afraid, for he is always by my side to protect me from harm.

When he calls, I will follow knowing that his love for me will last forever.

Amen

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.

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